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Department of Education

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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Directors of Special Education
Charter School Administrators
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FROM: Peggy Staples
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SUBJECT: 2002-2003 Ethnicity Statistics

As a service, we have previously mailed out a copy of the ethnicity report for each individual PEA, as well as a statewide ethnicity report. Due to circumstances beyond our control, we were not able to release these reports until now. We are pleased to announce that these reports are available on the ADE website at www.ade.az.gov/ess/datamanagement under the What's New section. Please take the time to review these documents, and remember that the United States Office for Civil Rights has a great interest in the overrepresentation of minorities in special education. We suggest you use this information as a self-evaluation of how your agency is doing.

Each four or five-page PEA report represents the student body by ethnicity and type of disability. The data was derived from the 2001-2002 school census.

The breakdown of the report is as follows:

- Total student population for the agency/state.
- Total number of special education students for the agency/state.
- Total number of special education students by type and ethnicity for the agency/state.
- Ethnic percentage of special education students by type for the agency/state.

The five-page statewide report is also available in the same format.

If you feel that any of the data is incorrect or have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to contact me at (602) 364-4024 or via email: pstaple@ade.az.gov or you may contact Nicole Armstrong at (602) 364-0504 or via email: narmstr@ade.az.gov.

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